GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPON SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with France for production of weapon system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to set up a manufacturing unit to manufacture Mirage-2000-5s aircraft under production licence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d): There is a proposal to purchase and set up indigenous manufacturing capacity for Mirage 2000 Mk II Aircraft.However, no decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.